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Construction of a bridge across Musukundanadi under the Central Road Fund Programme.

* 383 *Q.*—Sri K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the South Arcot District Board requested financial aid from the Central Road Fund for the construction of a bridge across Musukundanadi in Sankarapuram-Mungilturaippattu road; and

(*b*) if so, at what stage the matter stands at present?

The Hon. Sri K. RAJARAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir. The question of taking up the work under the Central Road Fund programme is under the consideration of the Government."

Digging of wells in Melapattam village, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar.

* 384 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to dig wells for the use of Harijans in Melapattam village, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, when they will be completed?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The construction of a well under the Rural Water Supply Scheme, in Chooliyode desam of Melpattam amsam of Chirakkal taluk for the use of the public including Harijans has been sanctioned by the Collector of Malabar at an estimated cost of Rs. 3,330.

" (*b*) The first part of the work is expected to be completed by the 31st March 1954 and the second part will be taken up immediately after the rains this year."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Have the Government considered the request from the Harijans of Melapattam and Adicheri desams to the effect that they are suffering a lot for want of a well in their place and if so, what action have the Government taken to help them in their suffering? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, that is the reason why a well is under construction."

* 385 *Q.*—Sri T. ANANTA PAI :—" This question may be taken up tomorrow, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" All right. It will be taken up tomorrow."

Allegations against the Police regarding intimidation of workers of the Pulikar Mills in Tiruchengode, Salem.

* 386 *Q.*—Sri T. S. ARDHANARI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether